

## [Lea Rowland]

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Lee Roland, State Administrator,

Works Progress Administration,

New Mexico

[Lee?] Rowland was appointed W.P.A. State Administrator of New Mexico, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in July 1935.

Mr. Rowland is a Roswell man, has lived all his life in Roswell and received his education in the State of New Mexico.

He is the son of Bort Rowland and Jennie Lea Rowland (now Mrs. John Ashinhust) the grandson of Judge Frank H. Lea - an early-day settler and builder of Roswell and the Pecos valley.

Lee Roland was married February 1, 1921 to Mrs. Fay White Mayers. The couple have one child, a boy - Lee Rowland 2nd - born November 2, 1932. Cl8 - [?] - N. Mex.

Mr Rowland named for Judge Lee, (and like his grandfather was before him) is a loyal worker for the good of the state, and for the interests of the people of New Mexico. He is a prominent Mason, and Elk, and is a member of all the civic clubs active in the upbuilding and improvement of Roswell and Chaves County.

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His services have been invaluable to Roswell as City Engineer, and to New Mexico as State Highway Commissioner.

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Mr. Rowland rendered valuable service to his country during the World War with the 23rd Engineers, Highway Regiment Company 1, stationed in France, in charge of immediate rebuilding of roads and bridges when destroyed by the enemy.

Many tributes of praise have been accorded Mr. Rowland for his selection of work projects which will be lasting benefits for the State, as well as having provided work for many thousands of the needy.

During the years 1935-36-37 there have been building and improvements of schools and public buildings with health and comfort the first consideration.

Beautiful parks for diversion and memorials have been built and splendid construction of highways, furnishing work for hundreds of men. Innumerable thousands of garments have been made for the needy by women workers on sewing projects.

The N.Y.A. is furnishing work and valuable training for the youth of New Mexico.

The Carrie Tingley Hospital for Crippled Children, located at Hot Springs, Sierra County, New Mexico named for Mrs. Tingley, wife of Governor Clyde Tingley, instigated and sponsored by Governor Tingley and Lee Rowland, is probably most valuable of all institutions (built as a W.P.A. project) in benefit which will be derived from treatment here for little crippled children of the present and future generations of New Mexico.

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There have been 104 completed work projects in District No 2 under the personal approval and supervision of Mr. Rowland, and Henry Johnson, Director of District No. 2 which comprises Chaves, Otero, Lincoln, Eddy, Curry, Roosevelt, DeBaca and Lea Counties.

Forty-five projects have been discontinued and sixty now operating in District No 2 with 1,143 relief workers and 85 non-relief workers employed at the present time - April 1, 1937.

Given in Interview - Jennie Lee Ashinhust, mother of Lea Rowland, 300 N. Penn. Ave. Roswell, New Mexico.

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